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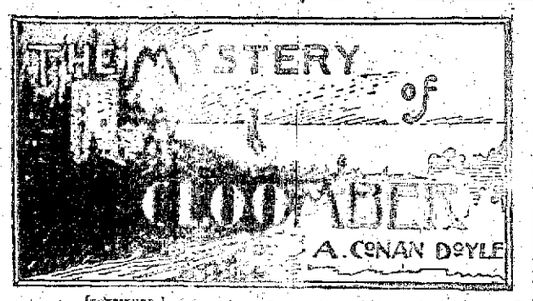

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CHAPTER IV.
OF A YOUNG MAN WITH A GRAY HEAD.

If I had any personal sorrows on account of this family snub, it was a very passing emotion, and one which was soon effaced from my mind. It chanced that on the very next day after the episode I had occasion to pass that way and stopped to have another look at the obnoxious placard. I was standing staring up at it and wondering what could have induced our neighbor to take such an outrageous step, when I became suddenly aware of a sweet girlish face which peeped out at me from between the bars of the gate, and of a white hand which eagerly beckoned me to approach. As I advanced to her I saw that it was the same young lady whom I had seen in the carriage.

"Mr. West," she said, in a quick whisper, glancing from side to side as she spoke in a nervous, hasty manner, "I wish to apologize to you for the indignity to which you and your family were subjected to yesterday. My brother was in the avenue, and saw it all, but he is powerless to interfere. I assure you, Mr. West, that if that hateful thing," pointing up at the placard, "has given you any annoyance it has given my brother and myself far more."

"Why, Miss Heathgrstone!" said I, putting the matter off with a laugh, "Britain is a free country, and if a man chooses to warn off visitors from his premises there is no reason why he should not."

"It is nothing less than brutal," she broke out, with a petulant stamp of her foot. "To think that your sister, too, should have such an unprovoked insult offered to her! I am ready to sink with shame at the very thought."

"Pray do not give yourself one moment's uneasiness upon the subject," said I, earnestly, for I was grieved at her evident distress. "I am sure that your father has some reason unknown to us for taking this step."

"God knows he has!" she answered, with inexpressible sadness in her voice, "and yet I think it would be more manly to face a danger than to fly from it. However, he knows best, and it is impossible for us to judge. But who is this?" she exclaimed, suddenly peering up the dark avenue. "Oh, it is my brother, Mordaunt. Mordaunt," she said, as the young man approached us, "I have been apologizing to Mr. West for what happened yesterday in your name as well as my own."

"I am very glad to have the opportunity of doing it in person," said he courteously. "I only wish that I could see your sister and your father as well as yourself, to tell them how sorry I am. I think you had better run up to the house, little one, for it's getting near fifth time. No—don't you go, Mr. West. I want to have a word with you."

Miss Heatherstone waved her hand to me with a bright smile, and tripped off up the avenue, while her brother unbolted the gate, and, passing through, closed it again, locking it upon the outside.

"I'll have a stroll down the road with you, if you have no objection. Have a manilla." He threw a couple of cheroots from his pocket and handed me one. "You'll find they are not bad," he said. "I become a connoisseur in tobacco when I was in India. Are you fit? I hope I am not interfering with your business in coming along with you?"

"Not at all," I answered. "I am very glad to have your company."

"I'll tell you a secret," said my companion. "This is the first time that I have been outside the grounds since we have been down here."

"And your sister?"

"She has never been out, either," he answered. "I have given the governor the slip to-day, but he wouldn't half like it if he knew. It's a whim of his that we should keep ourselves entirely to ourselves. At least some people would call it a whim; for my own part I have reason to believe that he has solid grounds for all that he does—though perhaps in this matter he may be a little too exacting."

"You must surely find it very lonely," said I. "Couldn't you manage to slip down at times and have a smoke with me? That house over yonder is Branksome."

"Indeed, you are very kind," he answered, with sparkling eyes. "I should dearly like to run over now and again. With the exception of Israel Stokes, our old coachman and gardener, I have not a soul that I can speak to."

"And your sister, she must feel it even more," said I, thinking in my heart that my new acquaintance made rather too much of his own troubles and too little of those of his companion.

"Poor girl! Gabriel feels it, no doubt," he answered carelessly; "but then, you see, she is a woman, and has not the resources of a man. I am a student of March, and for I have taken my degree at the university, and as a matter of course, I am as completely as any of these clodhoppers. It seems strange to you, no doubt! And yet it is so. Now, don't you think I deserve a better fate?" He stopped as he spoke, and faced round to me, throwing his palms forward in appeal.

As I looked at him, with the sun shining upon his face, he certainly did seem a strange bird to be cooped up in such a cage. Tall and muscular, with a keen dark face, and sharp, finely cut features, he might have stepped out of the canvas of Murillo or Velasquez. There was latent energy and power in his firm-set mouth, his square eyebrows, and the whole pose of his elastic well-knit figure.

"There is the learning to be got from books and the learning to be got from experience," said I, sententiously. "If you have less of your share of the one, perhaps you have more of the other. I cannot believe that you have spent all your life in mere idleness and pleasure."

"Pleasure!" he cried. "Pleasure! Look at this." He pulled off his hat, and I saw that his black hair was all flecked and dashed with streaks of gray. "Do you imagine that this came from pleasure?" he asked, with a bitter laugh.

"You must have had some great shock," I said, astonished at the sight; "some terrible illness in your youth. Or perhaps it arises from a more chronic cause—a constant gnawing anxiety. I have known men as young as you whose hair was as gray."

"Poor devils!" he muttered," I pity them."

"If you can manage to slip down to Branksome at times," said I, "perhaps you could bring Miss Heatherstone with you. I know that my father and my sister would be delighted to see her, and a change, if only for an hour or two, might do her good."

"It would be rather hard for us both to get away together," he answered. "However, if I see a chance I shall bring her down. It might be managed some afternoon, perhaps, for the old man indulges in a siesta occasionally." We had reached the head of the winding lane which branches off from the highroad and leads up to the laird's house, to my companion pulled up. "I must go back," he said, "or they will miss me. It's very kind of you, West, to take this interest in us. I'm very grateful to you, and as will Gabriel be when she hears of your kind invitation. It's a real heaping of coals of fire after that infernal placard of my father's."

He shook my hand and set off down the road, but he came running after me presently, calling me to stop. "I was just thinking," he said, "that you must consider us a great mystery up there at Cloomber. I dare say you have come to look upon it as a private lunatic asylum, and I can't blame you. If you are interested in the matter, I feel it is unfriendly upon my part not to satisfy your curiosity, but I have promised my father to be silent about it. And indeed if I were to tell you all that I know you might not be very much the wiser after all. I would have you understand this, however—that my father is as sane as you or I, and that he has very good reasons for living the life which we does. I may add that his wish to remain secluded does not arise from any unworthy or dishonorable motives, but merely from the instinct of self-preservation."

"He is in danger, then!" I ejaculated.

"Yes; he is in constant danger."

"But why does he not apply to the magistrates for protection?" I asked. "If he is afraid of any one, he has only to name him and they will bind him over to keep the peace."

"My dear West," said young Heatherstone, "the danger with which my father is threatened is one that cannot be averted by any human intervention. It is none the less very real, and possibly very imminent."

"You don't mean to assert that it is supernatural," I said incredulously.

"Well, hardly that, either," he answered with hesitation. "But, there," he continued, "I have said rather more than I should, but I know that you will not abuse my confidence, Good-by." He took to his heels and was soon out of my sight, round a curve in the country road.

A danger which was real and imminent, not to be averted by human means and yet hardly supernatural—here was a conundrum indeed! I had come to look upon the inhabitants of the Hall as mere eccentrics, but after what young Mordaunt Heatherstone had just told me, I could no longer doubt that some dark and sinister meaning underlay all their actions. The more I pondered over the problem, the more unanswerable did it appear, and yet I could not get the matter out of my thoughts. The lonely isolated hall, and the strange, impending catastrophe which hung over its inmates, appealed forcibly to my imagination. All that evening, and late into the night, I sat moodily by the fire, pondering over all that I had heard, and revolving in my mind the various incidents which might furnish me with some clue to the mystery.

CHAPTER V.
HOW FOUR OF US CAME TO BE UNDER THE SHADOW OF CLOOMBER.

I trust that my readers will not set me down as an inquisitive busybody when I say that as the days and weeks went by I found my attention and my thoughts more and more attracted to General Heatherstone and the mystery which surrounded him. It was in vain that I endeavored by hard work and strict attention to the laird's affairs to direct my mind into some more healthy channel. Do what I would, on land or on the water, I would still find myself puzzling over this one question, until it obtained such a hold upon me that I felt that it was useless for me to attempt to apply myself to anything until I had come to some satisfactory solution of it. I could never pass the dark lines of fir-clad fencing and the great iron gate, with its massive lock, without pausing and puzzling my brain as to what horrible secret could be hidden behind them. Sometimes my fancy would run away with me, and I would picture to myself some poor wretch who had been confined there for years, and who was now dying by inches, with no one near to help him. Then I would imagine that the general was insane, and that his children were living in daily fear of his violence. Again, I would picture to myself some loathsome disease which had fallen upon the family, and which they were striving to keep secret. Then I would remember the words of young Heatherstone, and would picture to myself some deadly danger which threatened the whole household. Whatever it was, I felt that I could never be at peace until I had got to the bottom of it.

"On guard at the avenue gate."

My sister had been out for a stroll one night, visiting a sick peasant or performing some other of the numerous acts of charity by which she had made herself beloved by the whole countryside. "John," she said when she returned, "have you not observed Cloomber Hall at night?"

"No," I answered, laying down the book which I was reading. "Not since that memorable evening when the general and Mr. McNall came over to make their inspection."

"Well, John, will you put your hat on and come a little walk with me?" I could see by her manner that something had agitated or frightened her.

"Why, bless the girl!" cried I, boisterously, "what is the matter? The old Hall has not gone on fire, surely? You look as grave as if all Wigtown were in a blaze."

"Not quite so bad as that," she said, smiling. "But do come out, Jack. I should very much like you to see it."

I had always refrained from saying anything which might alarm my sister, so that she knew nothing of the interest which our neighbor's doings had for me. At her request I took my hat and followed her out into the darkness. She led the way along a little footpath, over the moor, which brought us to some rising ground, from which we could look down upon the Hall without our view being obstructed by any of the fitfrees which had been planted round it. "Look at that," said my sister, pausing at the summit of this little eminence.

Cloomber lay beneath us in a blaze of light. In the lower floors the shutters obscured the illumination, but above, from the broad windows of the second story to the thin slits at the summit of the tower, there was not a chink or aperture which did not send forth a stream of radiance. So dazzling was the effect that for a moment I was persuaded that the house was on fire, but the steadiness and clearness of the light soon freed me from that apprehension. It was clearly the result of many lamps placed systematically all over the building. It added to the strange effect that all these brilliantly illuminated rooms were apparently untenanted, and some of them, as far as we could judge, were not even furnished. Through the whole great house there was no sign of movement or of life—nothing but the clear, unwinking flood of yellow light. I was still lost in wonder at the sight when I heard a short, quick sob at my side.

"Taking her hand and drawing her to my side."

"What is it, Esther, dear?" I asked, looking down at my companion.

"I feel so frightened. Oh, John, John, take me home; I feel so frightened!" She clung to my arm, and pulled at my coat in a perfect frenzy of fear.

"It's all safe, darling," I said soothingly. "There is nothing to fear. What has upset you so?"

"I am afraid of them, John; I am afraid of the Heatherstones. Why is their house lit up like this every night? I have heard from others that it is always so. And why does the old man run like a frightened hare if any one comes upon him. There is something wrong about it, John, and it frightens me."

I pacified her as well as I could, and led her home with me, where I took care that she should have some hot port negus before going to bed. I avoided the subject of the Heatherstones for fear of exciting her, and she did not recur to it of her own accord. I was convinced, however, from what I had heard from her that she had for some time back been making her own observations upon our neighbors, and that in doing so she had put a considerable strain upon her nerves. I could see that the mere fact of the Hall being illuminated at night was not enough to account for her extreme agitation, and that it must have derived its importance in her eyes from being one in a chain of incidents, all of which had left a weird or unpleasant impression upon her mind. That was the conclusion which I came to at the time, and I have reason to know now that I was right, and that my sister had even more cause than I had myself for believing that there was something uncanny about the tenants of Cloomber.

Our interest in the matter may have arisen at first from nothing higher than curiosity; but events soon took a turn which associated us more closely with the fortunes of the Heatherstone family. Mordaunt had taken advantage of my invitation to come down to the laird's house, and on several occasions he brought with him his beautiful

"To your room girl."

sister. The four of us would wander over the moors together; or, perhaps, if the day were fine, set sail upon our little skiff and stand off into the Irish Sea. On such excursions the brother and sister would be as merry and as happy as two children. It was a treat to them to escape from their half fortress, and to see, if only for a few hours, cheerful and sympathetic faces around them. There could be but few more lovely young people than the two together, a sweet forbidding appearance. Acquaintanceship warmed into friendship, and friendship flamed suddenly into love, Gabriel sits beside me now as I write, and she agrees with me that, dear as is the subject to ourselves, the whole story of our mutual affection is of too personal a nature to be more than touched upon in this statement. Suffice it to say that, within a few weeks of our first meeting Mordaunt Heatherstone had won the heart of my dear sister, and Gabriel had given me that pledge which death itself will not be able to break.

I have alluded in this brief way to the double tie which sprang up between the two families, because I have no wish that this narrative should degenerate into anything approaching to romance or that I should lose the thread of the facts which I have set myself to chronicle. These are connected with General Heatherstone and only indirectly with my own personal history. It is enough if I say that after our engagement the visits to Branksome became more frequent, and that our friends were able sometimes to spend a whole day with us when business had called the general to Wigtown, and when his gout confined him to his room. As to our good father, he was ever ready to greet us with many small feats appropriate to the occasion; for we had no secrets from him, and he already looked upon us all as his children.

There were times when on account of some peculiarly dark or restless fit of the general's it was impossible for weeks on end for either Gabriel or Mordaunt to get away from the grounds. The old man would even stand on guard at the avenue gate, or pace up and down the drive, as though he suspected that attempt had been made to penetrate his seclusion. Passing of an evening I have seen his dark, grim figure flitting about in the shadow of the trees, or caught a glimpse of his hard angular face peering out at me from behind the bars. My heart would often sadden for him as I noticed his uncouth nervous movement, his furtive glances and twitching features. Who would have believed that this slinking, cowering creature had once been a dashing officer, who had fought the battles of his country and had won the palm of bravery among the host of brave men around him?

In spite of the old soldier's vigilance, we managed to hold communication with our friends. Immediately behind the Hall there was a spot where the fencing had been so carelessly erected that two of the rails could be removed without difficulty, leaving a broad gap, which gave us the opportunity for many a stolen interview, though they were necessarily short, for the general's movements were erratic, and no part of the grounds was secure from his visitations.

How vividly one of these hurried meetings rises before me! It stands out clear, peaceful, and distinct amid the wild, mysterious incidents which were destined to lead up to the terrible catastrophe which has cast a shade over our lives. I can remember that as I walked through the field the grass was damp with the rain of the morning, and the air was heavy with the smell of the fresh-turned earth. Gabriel was waiting for me under the hawthorn tree outside the gap, and we stood hand-in-hand looking down at the long sweep of moorland, and at the broad blue channel which encircled it with its fringe of foam. Far away in the northwest the sun glinted upon the high peak of Mount Threston. From where we stood we could see the smoke of the steamers as they plowed along the busy water-way which leads to Belfast.

"Is it not magnificent?" Gabriel cried, clasping her hands around my arm. "Ah, John, why are we not free to sail away over these waves together, and leave all our troubles behind us on the shore?"

"And what are the troubles which you would leave behind you, dear one?" I asked. "May I not know them, and help you to bear them?"

"I have no secrets from you, John," she answered. "Our chief trouble is, as you may guess, our poor father's strange behavior. Is it not a sad thing for all of us that a man who has played such a distinguished part in the world should skulk from one obscure corner of the country to another, and should defend himself with locks and barriers as though he were a common thief flying from justice? This is a trouble, John, which it is out of your power to alleviate."

"But why does he do it, Gabriel?" I asked.

"I cannot tell," she answered frankly. "I know only that he imagines some deadly danger to be hanging over his head, and that this danger was incurred by him during his stay in India. What its nature may be I have no more idea than you have."

"Then your brother has," I remarked. "I am sure from the way in which he spoke to me about it one day that he knows what it is, and that he looks upon it as real."

"Yes, he knows, and so does my mother," she answered; "but they have always kept it secret from me. My poor father is very excited at present. Day and night he is in an agony of apprehension, but it will soon be the 5th of October, and after that he will be at peace."

"How do you know that?" I asked in surprise.

"By experience," said she gravely. "On the 5th of October these fears of his come to a crisis. For years back he has been in the habit of locking Mordaunt and myself up in our rooms on that date, so that we have no idea what occurs; but we have always found that he has been much relieved afterward, and has continued to be comparatively in peace until that day began to draw round again."

"Then you have only ten days or so to wait," I remarked, for September is drawing to a close. "By the way, dearest, why is it that you light up all your rooms at night?"

"You have noticed it, then?" she said. "It comes also from my father's fears. He does not like to have one dark corner in the whole house. He walks about a good deal at night, and inspects everything, from the attic right down to the cellars. He has large lamps in every room and corridor, even the empty ones, and he orders the servants to light them all at dusk."

"I am rather surprised that you manage to keep your servants," I said laughing. "The maids in these parts are a superstitious class, and their imaginations are easily excited by anything which they don't understand."

"The cook and both housemaids are from London, and are used to our ways. We pay them on a very high scale to make up for any inconvenience to which they may be put. Israel Stokes, the coachman, is the only one who comes from this part of the country, and he seems to be a stolid, honest fellow, who is not easily scared."

"Poor little girl," I exclaimed, looking down at the slim, graceful figure by my side. "This is no atmosphere for you to live in. Why will you not let me rescue you from it? Why won't you allow me to go straight and ask the general for your hand? At the worst he could only refuse."

She turned quite haggard and pale at the very thought. "For God's sake, John," she cried earnestly, "do nothing of the kind. He would whip us all away in the dead of the night, and within a week we should be settling down again in some wilderness where we might never have a chance of seeing or hearing from you again. Besides, he never would forgive us for venturing out of the grounds."

"I don't think that he is a hard-hearted man," I remarked. "I have seen a kindly look in his eyes, for all his stern face."

"He can be the kindest of fathers," she answered, "But he is terrible when opposed or thwarted. You have never seen him so, and I trust you never will. It was that strength of will and impatience of opposition which made him such a splendid officer. I assure you that in India every one thought a great deal of him. The soldiers were afraid of him, but they would have followed him anywhere."

"And had he these nervous attacks then?"

"Occasionally; but not nearly so acutely. He seems to think that the danger—whatever it may be—becomes more imminent every year. Oh, John, it is terrible to be waiting like this with a sword over our heads—and all the more terrible to me since I have no idea where the blow is to come from."

"Dear Gabriel," I said, taking her hand and drawing her to my side, "look over all this pleasant country-side and the broad blue sea. Is it not all peaceful and beautiful? In these cottages, with their red-tiled roofs peeping out from the gray moor, there live none but simple, God-fearing men, who toil hard at their crofts and bear enmity to no man. Within seven miles of us is a large town, with every civilized appliance for the preservation of order. Ten miles farther there is a garrison quartered, and a telegram would at any time bring down a company of soldiers. Now, I ask you, dear, in the name of common sense, what conceivable danger could threaten you in this secluded neighborhood, with the means of help so near? You assure me that the peril is not connected with your father's health?"

"No, I am sure of that. It is true that Dr. Easterling, of Stranraer, has been over to see him once or twice, but that was merely for some small indisposition. I can assure you that the danger is not to be looked for in that direction."

"Then I can assure you," said I, laughing, "that there is no danger at all. It must be some strange monomania or hallucination. No other hypothesis will cover the facts."

"Would my father's monomania account for the fact of my brother's hair being turned gray and my mother wasting away to a mere shadow?"

"Undoubtedly," I answered. "The long-continued worry of the general's restlessness and irritability would produce those effects on sensitive natures."

"No, no," she said, shaking her head sadly, "I have been exposed to his restlessness and irritability, but they have had no such effect upon me. The difference between us lies in the fact that they know this awful secret and we do not."

"My dear girl," said I, "the days of family apparitions and that kind of thing are gone. Nobody is haunted nowadays, so we can put that supposition out of the question. Having done so, what remains? There is absolutely no other theory which could ever be suggested. Believe me the whole mystery is that the heat of India has been too much for your poor father's brain."

What she would have answered I cannot tell, for at that moment she gave a start as if some sound had fallen upon her ear. As she looked round apprehensively I suddenly saw her features become rigid and her eyes fixed and dilated. Following the direction of her gaze, I felt a sudden thrill of fear pass through me as I perceived a human face surveying us from behind one of the trees—a face every feature of which was distorted by the most malignant hatred and anger. Finding himself observed he stepped out and advanced toward us, when I saw that it was none other than the general himself. His beard was all a-bristle with fury, and his deep-set eyes glowed from under their heavily veined lids with a most sinister and demoniacal brightness.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

ROBIN.

John Overton sat alone, smoking his pipe. He could hear the men as they laughed and joked around the campfire, but he could not join in their merry-making.

Five years ago he had left his eastern home to endure the privations of a mining engineer in a new country. A scheme carried out successfully proved his name permanently before the scientific world. He felt elated that night, yet his thought would turn to her. In the years that had gone by much of the attention of that quarrel had passed away.

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PEACE on earth good will to men.

THE United States and several islands forever.

HOBSON ought to be sent back to recover his sinker.

THOSE who lisp have the best success in pronouncing Spanish words.

HATS off! The flag of freedom waves almost around the world. Not for conquest but to give liberty to all who may desire its blessings.

CONGRESSMAN THOS. B. REED has been renominated by his constituents. He was first elected in 1876, making 22 consecutive years in the lower house.

WHAT a delightful country seat Porto Rico will make for Uncle Sam. When wearied with the cares of official duties he can retire to its peaceful shades and enjoy its balmy atmosphere to his heart's content.

FORTUNE favored Havana. The beautiful city was saved from bombardment.

A PUNXSUTAWNEY Dutchman in Pennsylvania politics recently remarked: "Py Jimini of I took a Stone und hit a Swallow, how is dot? Better I took a Swallow of beer. Vat?"

EX-GOV. W. J. BRYAN (he of the long name) had been candidly fair he would have insisted that his running mates of two years ago, Arthur J. Sewell of Maine and Tom Watson of Georgia should be appointed on his staff.

IF Gen. Miles had gone to Porto Rico alone in an old birch canoe he would not have been on the island 24 hours until he would have had a good sized army at his back, judging by the way both Porto Ricans and Spaniards are flocking to his standard.

EUROPEAN comments on the war have changed very materially. It used to be, we ought to do so and so, but lately they seem very much pleased in whatever way anything is done. There does not seem to be any desire to criticise Uncle Sam's action in any manner whatever.

Colonel Lycoming county's candidates for Assembly on the Republican ticket, Mr. Fred Deming, feels quite confident of election. It is sincerely hoped that he may be and that he will not deny us the pleasure of knowing that he cast his vote against the re-election of M. S. Quay to the United States Senate.

THE puzzling question for the administration to decide at the present time is what to do with the Philippines. As Germany seems so anxious to obtain them, give Kaiser William a chance and he will have his hands full for some time in subduing the turbulent spirits that predominate on those islands.

DR. WILLIAM PEPPER of Philadelphia, one of the most celebrated physicians of the country, died of heart failure last Thursday at the home of his widow of ex-Senator Hearst of Wilmonte, where he had gone about three weeks ago to recuperate his fast failing energies. This eminent physician and philanthropist passed away in the prime of his life at the age of 55 years. The medical fraternity mourn the loss of one of its brightest lights.

ON TO-MORROW night the Democrats of McKean county will meet at their respective polling places and elect delegates to the county convention to be held here on Tuesday. Mayor Pagnan of Bradford has been strongly urged to accept the nomination for Assembly but he has failed to state his will relative to accept the offered honor. H. Hooley of Port Allegany will undoubtedly be the other candidate. The gentlemen are exceptionally good men, and the Democrats could not make a better selection.

COMMUNICATIONS from all over the county are experiencing great difficulties in possible appointments, caused by so many applicants for the position desiring to admirably this evil and relieve the Congressman of numerous local candidate troubles, why not have the matter to be decided by ballot, each tribe having applicants for the position, the candidate having the largest number of votes to be appointed. This would relieve the Congressman of all blame in the matter and would be equitable, and fault-finding

WHILE Spanish officials have opportunity to view the photographs of their ruined and dismantled fleet, lying along the southern coast of Cuba, they will have no more doubt as to what caused the destruction of the Maine in the harbor of Havana. Their claim that she was blown up by explosives in her magazine is demonstrated to be untrue by the appearance of her ships, some of which were destroyed by bursting torpedoes in the hold.

THE London Spectator has the following well merited praise for our able chief executive, President McKinley: "The President has developed latent talents, showing him the possessor of many of Lincoln's great qualities. It would be remarkable," the Spectator continues, "if for the second time in a generation the American system, really an elective monarchy, proves itself a strong system for dealing with a dangerous crisis. Europe may have been hasty in rejecting the very idea of an elective monarchy as fatal alike to stability and strength."

OUR soldier boys in Cuba have discovered a new mode of capturing the wily Spaniard. They go with a flag of truce into the Spanish camp and relate how the Spanish captives at Santiago are enjoying life eating that delicious dish known as bean porridge, and invite their listeners to visit the captives in camp. The invitation is invariably accepted and to behold is to believe. They return to their own camp and the result is to surrender and have a chance at Uncle Sam's free lunch counter and a free passage to Spain. Bean porridge hot, or bean porridge cold, will surely capture the Spaniard bold.

YES, the editor of the Port Allegany Reporter would see reformers ride into power in State politics, if by riding in any conveyance would accomplish such a worthy object.—Reporter.

Yes, any conveyance, only to reach the public crib. These same would be reformers gave a brilliant illustration of this a little over two years ago at Chicago, when they cut loose from every landmark in their party and formulated a platform that caused the hair of every honest Democrat in their ranks to stand on end when they perused its contents. When it assailed their own "consecrated Knight of free trade," and attacked the Supreme Court of the United States, whose head was one of their own ilk, it was no wonder that men who had clung to the party through thick and thin were constrained to withdraw from such anarchistic doctrine as that platform contained. Now, in order to draw these men back to the fold who would not follow in this precipitous rush to destruction, these would-be reformers cover up their deviltry with the velvet of State issues, while their nominated candidate for governor, George A. Jenks, says there has been no departure from the campaign of two years ago. The principles enunciated there are vital now. It seems they are fully inoculated with the principle of anything to get into power. It is doubtful if the voters of Pennsylvania will so far forget themselves as to jump from the frying pan into the fire by electing such men to office.

THE war with Spain is virtually ended. There may be desultory fighting in out of way places, but the news of yesterday points to an early settlement of the difficulty. Last week Mons. Cambon, French charge de affairs at Washington, acting as Spain's ambassador, presented to the State department a petition from Spain suing for peace. The ultimatum of the United States was soon placed in the hands of Mons. Cambon and forwarded to Spain for consideration. While the terms offered have not been fully accepted, enough has been learned to satisfy our State department that the terms will be eventually accepted and peace once more reign. In the mean time our forces in Porto Rico under Commander-in-Chief Miles are pushing their way northward to the capital city and unless Spain accepts the terms that fair city will be subjected to a siege and captured. It is sincerely hoped that Spain will sufficiently realize the hopelessness of further continuing the struggle and save San Juan from destruction. If such should prove the case the conquest of Porto Rico will go down in the annals of history as one of the most wonderful conquests of the age: an island 40 miles wide and over 100 miles in length subjugated without the loss of one life. It seems that the Lord of Hosts is guarding our brave soldiers in their efforts to give liberty to the down trodden of other lands. May this era of peace come quickly that our soldiers may return to a climate more congenial to good health and not be kept in that humid atmosphere of the tropics.

THE MINER feels highly flattered that Mr. Lillibridge of the Reporter condescends from his exalted position to throw "the mantle of charity" over us. It is a condescension on his part that cannot be too highly prized, as coming from one who for years flourished at this and adjoining courts as a legal light of more than ordinary brilliancy. For a long period he shone there until the field became too limited and journalism appeared the only outlet that permitted sufficient space wherein his well balanced and heavily freighted mind, crowded with knowledge such as a Newton or a Gladstone only could possess, where it could be aired before an admiring public, who stand amazed and gaze in wonder at his forty acrobatic feats of jumping off or on his 16 to 1 free silver charger as occasion requires. In order to fit the issue. Two years ago, and up to the time of the Altoona convention, it was 16 to 1 or nothing. Now this disciple of Coke and Blackstone is willing to take up with "half a loaf" if only given a chance to stand at the public crib. Week after week as we peruse the effusions that flow from his gifted pen, we are more and more forcibly impressed with the fact how fortunate it was that the law did not possess a field sufficiently large to allow his mental powers to be fully appreciated and that journalism was happily thought of as the means whereby thousands might enjoy the brilliant thoughts that are constantly emanating from his brain like copious streams of water from a never failing spring. How fortunate it is that all are not the arbiters of their own fortune. He could push the law, but the field proving too limited and fortune more than kind, this modern Demosthenes was driven into journalism where the lesser ones can shine by the effulgent rays that throw bright gleams of light from his mighty and powerful brain. The paddists of this section are indeed more than blessed in being permitted to sit at the feet of this 19th century Demosthenes and listen to the words of wisdom that fall from his lips.

THE WORLD MOURNS WITH GERMANY OVER THE DEATH OF BISMARCK.

On Saturday another of the world's mighty men closed his eyes to all earthly scenes in the person of Otto Eduard Bismarck, at the age of 83 years.

Bismarck first saw the light of day at Bradenburg, Germany, in 1815, at a time when Napoleon's star was fast waning, and Germany had passed through fourteen years of ravages by the French usurper such as no country had ever experienced. One army after another had been organized only to be destroyed by the Corsican, but these terrible lessons had a telling effect upon the hardy Germans who learned the art of war by bitter experience, and they proved apt scholars, and soon were able, with the help of England, to drive their foes across the Rhine and send the would-be world conqueror to St. Helena. The bitter trials through which Germany passed at that time brought forth the better element, and ere many years passed Germany began to flourish under William I, Von Moltke and Bismarck.

In 1847 the deceased first began to attract attention and from that time on his star was in the ascendancy. As a diplomat he had no superior. In international relations he was often pitted against Disraeli and Gladstone, Emperor Louis Napoleon and other brilliant men of Europe, and always emerged from these debates with credit. For over half a century Germany, under his guiding hand, advanced in wealth and strength in an almost unprecedented degree and it will be many years before she will be able to find a man to equal Bismarck in ability and character. While William I lived Bismarck remained at the head of the ship of State. But when the young Emperor assumed the reins of government the great mind that had watched over the destiny of Germany and seen it grow from several ill governed provinces to one grand empire under one head, was retired from the proud position of Chancellor to private life, and there is no doubt but that shortened his life by several years.

The last of the great European statesmen has passed away. To-day there is not one remaining that will compare in ability with either Gladstone or Bismarck.

BRIGHTER DAYS AHEAD.

When the war is over every tradesman in the country will undoubtedly find plenty of employment, owing to the fact that Europe, Asia and Africa have come to a realizing sense that our factories produce a much better article than they have thus far been able to manufacture. For years our railroad locomotives have taken the preference all over the world. Paris recently placed an order in this country for 500 electric cars to be placed on her street railways.

The splendid achievements of our navy has opened the eyes of Europe and the world to the superiority of our ship builders and gun manufacturers. This war has been a great expense, to say nothing of the terrible loss of life, but in the end it will prove a great blessing to the laboring classes all over the country. Orders have already been placed in some of our ship yards for the construction of naval vessels for European countries. England, Russia and Asia are extensive buyers of American locomotives. The superiority of our productions over those of other countries cannot fail to enrich our own country.

NATIONAL CREDIT.

The following coming from the New York World leads one to believe that Mr. Pulitzer has at last come to a realizing sense of our Republican form of government. If he will look back to 1861 he will discover what sacrifices the government was compelled to make then in order to dispose of its bonds and will readily see the difference between Republican and Democratic control of the nation.

In the very midst of an exciting war the United States issued $200,000,000 of bonds at the low rate of 3 per cent. They were all taken up at par by the people without the intervention of any syndicate or any bank. And so great is the country's credit that with the war still on these bonds have risen to 104 even before their issue. That is to say, investors are so eager to get them that they are willing to surrender a year and a quarter's interest for that purpose. Was there ever such national credit in the world as ours?

A LESSON IN COINAGE.

Bro. Smiley of the Citizen Press of Franklin, Pa., thus discusses the 16 to 1 question:

The storekeepers in Santiago have kicked on the American silver dollar. They have been issuing the Spanish and Mexican silver dollars, which are worth only 46 cents each in our money, and they didn't know that an American silver dollar, with the credit of this great government back of it, is as good as a gold dollar. They thought we had free coinage of silver dollars in the United States and therefore the government was not responsible for the face value of the silver coin, but they are becoming acquainted with the facts and now an American silver dollar is as good as gold. If we had free coinage here our soldier boys in Cuba and Porto Rico could only buy forty six cents worth of goods for each silver dollar. This is an object lesson that needs no explanation.

WHEN peace once more hovers over the land President McKinley will be entitled to the heartfelt thanks of the entire nation. For the past six months he has endured a strain, caused by the war, such as few men could undergo and survive. He has nobly met every difficulty and surmounted them with credit to himself and pleasure to admiring millions. It was most fortunate for the country that she had for her chief executive a man possessed of such marvelous ability as President McKinley has shown. There is no question but he stands to-day a type of the greatest living statesman of the age. He has no superior and no known equal.

ON Wednesday W. L. Lillibridge of the Reporter came over from Port Allegany to unite his eloquence with that of T. F. Hunsville in an effort to induce Chas. McKean to sacrifice himself for the county treasurership. But with all their blarney Charles was coy and would not be inveigled into their scheme. While here Lillibridge hobnobbed with both the Bryan and Palmer factions, seeking advice as how best to run the campaign. His readers may now look for double bitted editorials that will exhibit that duplication of head the wounds of two years ago and they will all sing. We were 16 to 1 points apart, but by Jonks we're united in heart.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

President McKinley is to be congratulated upon the fact that the Spanish "fly cop" as to the terms of peace which he would accept is now in the hands of the Spanish ministry, is not only liberal, it is, under the circumstances, magnanimous. It provides for the evacuation of Cuba and Porto Rico, the former to have an independent government under the protection of the United States and that the latter shall become our property, Spanish troops upon both to be sent home at the expense of Spain and leave the question of what shall be done with the Philippine Islands to be settled afterwards. If Spain is wise she will lose no time in accepting these terms, as it is very certain that if the war is continued the terms will grow harder, but for Spain to display wisdom will be a new thing under the sun. The French Ambassador, who is now also the Spanish minister, accepted the terms, but, of course, his acceptance goes for nothing until confirmed by Spain.

Our preparations for pushing the campaigns in Porto Rico and in the Philippines have not been stopped to await Spain's answer, and will not be stopped, and if Spain refuses to accept the terms and attempts to gain time by quibbling the plans for sending Commodore Watson's fleet to Spain, which were deferred in order to give Spain a chance to ask for peace, will at once be carried out. It is doubtful whether any other country but the United States would have been so generous to a defeated foe as not to insist upon the payment of a large money indemnity; it is also doubtful whether the Spanish character is capable of appreciating that generosity.

The results of the first week of the campaign of Gen. Miles in Porto Rico have been more than pleasing to President McKinley and every member of his cabinet, notwithstanding the attempt on the part of some of the yellow journals to create the impression that the relations of Secretary Alger and Gen. Miles had become unfriendly because the latter had not conducted the campaign in accordance with Alger's orders. The same sort of stories were circulated about Secretary Alger and General Shafter, while the Santiago campaign was under way, but Gen. Shafter has since stated that he was allowed to conduct his campaign on his own judgment and was never at any time hampered in the slightest degree by orders from the War Department. It is well known to Washington that Gener l Miles has supreme control of the Porto Rican campaign, which was planned by himself, and that neither President McKinley nor Secretary Alger has interfered with him or expect to have any cause to do so. The administration has the utmost confidence in General Miles. That confidence has been fully justified by what he has accomplished in a single week. The entire southern end of the island, including its second city and a number of smaller ones, is under our flag, and not a single American life has been lost. Hurrah for Miles!

Brigadier General Chas. P. Eagan, Commissary General of the army, has made public a scathing denunciation of Robert B. Roosevelt, for having written a letter to the Sons of the American Revolution charging shameful incapacity or infamous dishonesty in the commissary department. The tenor of General Eagan's remarks, which make a column of nonpareil, may be judged from the following quotation: "Notoriety is what Mr. Roosevelt wants, and he is bound to have it. He deserves it—he stayed at home. He did right to stay at home. Notoriety is what he is after; we see it in every line of his writing. He carefully avoids giving a name or a date. Of course, we know why. He could not do it and tell the truth. But he could manufacture a letter in such shape and form as to bring misery and distress to every father and mother, wife and sister of the men at the front, who did not know that the disingenuous representation of a lawyer for the purpose of notoriety were what they were reading, not a statement of facts, not a true or fair representation of the action of officers, nor the truth regarding the situation in the field, but a low, libelous, scandalous villification of honorable men."

Sickness continues to increase in Gen. Shafter's army at a rate that would be alarming were it not for the small number of deaths. As it is there is much uneasiness and plans for bringing the men back to the United States at the earliest possible moment are being perfected.

Dispatches from Admiral Dewey and Gen. Merritt, who has arrived and taken command of the army, have increased the apprehension that we shall have to whip both the Spaniards and the insurgents before the Manila campaign is over. It is expected that Gen. Merritt and Admiral Dewey will make a combined land and water attack on Manila in a few days, if the Spanish do not meet their demands for surrender, and if Spain does not accept our terms of peace. Then it will be seen whether they will have to fight the insurgents.

JUDGE CHARLES A. MAYER of the Clinton-Cameron-Elk District is now practically certain to receive the Republican endorsement for re-election, and he will receive the regular Democratic nomination. The Republican candidate presented by Cameron county at the primaries some weeks ago has withdrawn and the field for the Republican endorsement is left entirely clear, Judge Mayer already having the Republican support in Clinton and Elk counties. The only possibility of opposition will be by the Prohibitionists, but that, if undertaken, would make no impression on the result. This will be Judge Mayer's fourth nomination, an exceedingly rare compliment in an interior district, but it is one that illustrates in a gratifying degree that non-partisanship in the choice of judges is making excellent progress. Judge Mayer has been a Democrat all his life, but politics has had no part in the performance of his duties on the bench.—Philadelphia Press.

The Lycoming county Republicans have endorsed the candidacy of Judge J. J. Metzgar, a life-long Democrat, for re-election. The Republicans are doing all in their power to make the judiciary non-partisan.

It is always gratifying to receive testimonials for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy, and when the endorsement is from a physician it is especially so. "There is no more satisfactory or effective remedy than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy," writes Dr. R. E. Robey, physician and pharmacist of Olney, Mo., and as he has used the remedy in his own family and sold it in his drug store for six years he should certainly know. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

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We believe that God created both man and woman in his own image, and, therefore, we believe in one standard of purity for both men and women, and in the great right of all to hold opinions and to express the same in the home, on the platform, in the pulpit and at the ballot box.

We believe in a living wage; in an eight-hour day; in courts of conciliation and arbitration; in justice as opposed to greed of gain; in "peace on earth and good will to men."

We therefore formulate, and for ourselves, adopt the following pledge, asking our sisters and brothers of a common danger and a common hope to make common cause with us in working its reasonable and helpful precepts into the practice of every day life:

I hereby solemnly promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented and malt liquors, including wine, beer and cider, as a beverage, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.

To confirm and enforce the rationale of this pledge, we declare our purpose to educate the young; to form a better public sentiment; to reform so far as possible, by religious, ethical and scientific means, the drinking classes; to seek the transforming power of divine grace for ourselves and all for whom we work, that they and we may willfully transcend no law of pure and wholesome living; and finally we pledge ourselves to labor and pray that all these principles, founded upon the gospel of Christ may be worked out into the customs of society and the laws of the land.

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License Transfer Notice.

In re petition for transfer of retail license granted to John O'Connor.	In Court of Quarter Sessions of McKean Co. No. 21 June Sessions, 1898.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Court of Quarter Sessions of McKean county, at Smethport, Pa., on Friday, the twenty-fifth day of August, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., for a transfer of the retail license heretofore granted May 13th, 1898, to John O'Connor, to sell liquors, ale, &c., at the "Davis House," in the village of Mt. Alton, Lafayette township, on the west side of public highway leading to Guttenville, next door north of J. J. O'Connell's hardware store. The name of the person to whom said license is proposed to be transferred is Marshal Quinn, residing in the village of Mt. Alton, Lafayette township, Pennsylvania, occupation, bartender.

BOYNTON & GALLUP,
Atty's for Petitioner.

Smethport, Pa., August 1, 1898.—6t.

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SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, AUG. 5, 1898.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Muzzle your dogs.

—Now that the war is over the marriage fever thickens.

—John Fairchild sports a fine new rig. C. A. Olmstead was the artist.

—C. S. Morrison has a large force of men at work on the glass plant finishing the ovens.

—The residence of A. L. Colegrove on Water street has been beautified by Mr. Kane's brushes.

—Captain Olney has been recommended for postmaster at Mt. Jewett. An excellent appointment.

—There will be mass in St. Elizabeth's Church, Bradford, next Sunday, the first at 10:30 a. m.

—A marriage license has been issued to Wm. E. Owens of Hazelhurst and Miss Ida Fields of Kane.

—Miss Nellie Hewitt returned Tuesday from New York. Miss Sheridan Gorton, Jr., accompanied her.

—Miss Carpenter and Miss Grace McCune were married by Justice Green Saturday last.

—Such a man hesitates he is lost. A woman hesitates she is won—by being joined to another.

—Found, a pair of kid gloves in front of postoffice. The owner can have same by calling at this office and paying for this notice.

—Yesterday forenoon the bottler's lid of A. E. Horton of Eldred was blown off by George and F. J. McFarlin of Mt. Jewett.

—Mrs. John Smith of Ormsby is happy on Monday night by the arrival of a baby girl. All concerned doing well.

—Notwithstanding the fact that a ten-cent postage stamp is required on a marriage license, seven seem to occur with commendable regularity.

—On August 5, F. of the Assumption there will be choral service and Holy Eucharist at St. Luke's church.

—The employees of the Northern Central will have their annual picnic at Canoe Camp, Wednesday, August 17th. A grand time is anticipated by all who attend.

—Company No. 1, Porto Rico, Regiment, U. S. V., is the correct designation of the soldiers of the Bradford regiment.—Bradford Era.

—Your attention is called to the new advertisement of the New England Bakery. Orrin Ingalls is a first-class baker and deserves his share of patronage.

—Members of the Village Improvement Society are to be congratulated on the success of the New England Supper which was held in the council chamber on Wednesday, August 3. Net proceeds, $47.

—Travel rapidly was well illustrated this week. When Spain sued for peace, daughter of one of our rough riders was promptly accepted the terms.

—Miss Genevieve, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Reilly of Bradford, died Saturday morning, aged 14 years. Funeral services were held in St. Bernard's church.

—Mr. Chambers & Co. advertise a sale of shoes and underwear for one day on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. They offer goods at astonishingly low prices. See their ad. and time to read the advertisement.

—Little Iva Bacon who unfortunately fractured her ankle, is still confined to the house. She does not suffer much pain but the ligaments were weakened, consequently she is unable to walk.

—List of letters remaining in the postoffice at Smethport for the week ending July 30: Miss Clara Clark (2), Ormond Nourse, William Spearls, Mrs. Andrew Smith, Torrey Voss, Miss Maggie Wilson.

—John Hungerford is engaged in repairing the old residence at the corner of Church and King streets belonging to D. C. Young. This is a large building and will make a good tenement house when completed.

—Will Bro. Lillibridge of the Reporter have the kindness to inform his readers where that prize fight took place last week? Was it within the sacred limits of Port Allegany borough, or was it in Liberty township?

—The Miner is in receipt of a neat booklet containing the premium list of the Port Allegany Fair to be held in Liberty township on August 30 and 31 and September 1 and 2. The list was published by the Reporter.

—A sacred cantata entitled "The Daughter of Jairus" will be rendered by the choir of St. Luke's church on next Sunday evening. The music is by Sir John Stainer, and has been in rehearsal by the choir for some time past.

—On the march from Ponce towards San Juan, Porto Rico, our famous 16th regiment was in the lead and company C held the post of danger as the advance guard. The boys have not smelled powder to any great extent, but they are there ready to take their share.

—The Cross Fork News for a yearling evinces considerable vitality and shows marked improvement. The Miner man congratulates his old friend, Mr. Feltz, on securing such an able man as Mr. Moore to conduct and preside over the destinies of the News. May it continue to grow.

—The Miner notes by several exchanges that the fashionable summer girls have adopted prunes as a diet for beautifying the complexion and making them healthy. We have often heard the expression "full of prunes," but did not think for a moment that the girls would adopt it and carry it out to the letter.

—A kind word thrown at your husband will go farther towards a new bonnet than a rolling-pin will.—Emporium Independent. The question that arises in our mind is which of the above Brother Hacket has been the recipient of. Undoubtedly the first, and his esteemed better half now sports a beautiful new bonnet.

—Col. Lucius Rogers was down from Kane over Sunday. He informed the Miner that he would without doubt be the next postmaster of Kane. He also stated that it was a complete surprise to him, as he had been working to advance the interest of another applicant. The Miner congratulates Mr. Rogers on his preferment.

—Miss Elizabeth Hewitt of Washington, D. C., formerly of this place, was called to Atlanta, Ga., on Friday last to assist the Government Nurse Corps. Miss Hewett is a graduate of Columbia Hospital, Washington, and is a thoroughly competent nurse. That she may succeed in the good work is the sincere wish of her many friends.

—The report reached here last week that Bert Blanchard, who with others several years ago robbed and maltreated Mr. and Mrs. Childs near Palmerville, was at Johnsonburg. Last Sunday W. B. Clarke, Commissioners Young and Haneyville and Phil Bacon drove over to see if the report was true, but it proved to be another man.

—Port Allegany entertained a very large crowd at the band tournament held there on Thursday of last week. Judging from the tone of some of the Olean newspapers the entertainment was not up to expectations; but the Miner insists that the Olean contingent was mistaken, as Port Alleganyites are reported to be most royal entertainers.

—Prof. Coles' predictions for August appear in this issue. To fully realize the wonderful accuracy with which the talented professor predicts storms and events it is necessary to watch his most valuable publication, Storms and Signs, published at Kingston, Pa., for $1.00 per year. The above electrical storms of Wednesday and Thursday were scheduled for those days in the August number.

—Rev. Dr. Walker will preach on the following subjects next Sunday: In the morning at 10:30, "Supernatural Companionship; or Walk with God." In the evening, "The Conversation of Jesus with the Samaritan Woman." Miss Napher of Syria addressed a large congregation last Sunday evening in a most delightful and instructive manner, the pastor putting off for one week the above evening topic.

—Miss Sultana Naff, a young lady of education from Syria, lectured in the M. E. church last Sunday night. Those who heard her were very much interested. When she arrives at the proper age, being only sixteen now, she will enter a medical college in Philadelphia, for the purpose of fitting herself for a physician and return to her native land to assist in the upbuilding of the less fortunate Syrians.

—On Thursday, August 11, a special train will leave Eldred at 9:35 a. m. connecting at Larabee with the Clermont train. The special will then run to Roulette arriving there at 10:30 a. m. The train will leave Roulette at 6:20 p. m. and the Clermont train will wait for it at Larabee, thus allowing all Odd Fellows from this section who attend the picnic to arrive home the same day. Half fare for the trip.

—Joe McCarty is evidently sorry that the war is ended, and he no doubt had a desire to enlist and become a brave soldier boy. When the good news reached here Wednesday morning that peace was in sight Landlord Bacon gave Joe orders to hang the banner on the outer wall. There being no staff for the flag Joe rigged up a temporary one, but unfortunately got the banner upside down. The mistake was soon rectified, but the boys had the laugh on Joe.

—To make half a ton of coal go as 10 hundredweight place a quantity of chalk in the grates. Once heated this is practically inexhaustible from combustion and gives out great heat. Place the chalk at the back of each of your fires in nearly equal proportions with the coal. Full instructions will be sent both as to the proportions and as to the warmth of the fire, and the saving throughout the winter will be at the rate of 25 per cent.—Exchange.

—Last Sunday one of our handsome business men arose at a seasonable hour for the day and the weather being quite warm he adorned himself with a pair of white duck pants and set to be cordial. In attending about some [illegible] he found it necessary to go to the [illegible] for a key to the [illegible] house and in doing so the gentleman happened to slip and fall into a puddle of water and the rusty ice cream freezer falling on top of him, there was a lemon given to the Spanish language that may be imagined, but not described accurately.

—Dalmatia Rie wrote [illegible] of the [illegible] ball as pitched by the Mt. Jewett twirler. Don't fail to witness this one of the giants. George declares emphatically that he will wear a Mt. Jewett scalp at his girdle or die in the attempt, as they have repeatedly sent word that the Smethport business men are afraid to meet their segregation from the mountain.

—Mt. Jewett Herald: The most distressing accident in the history of Kushequa occurred shortly before 7 o'clock Thursday morning. Byrl Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Scott of that place, in some manner was caught by a car on the Mt. J. & K. R. R. and his life crushed out instantly. The young man had been on the engine with his father, who is the engineer in charge, but a few moments before the accident occurred, and when the alarm was sounded to the effect that someone had fallen under the wheels, the elder Scott turned to enquire of his son, who he thought was yet near him, as to who was injured.

—Through a typographical error in the bargain day announcement of J. Colegrove last week one item was made to read: "Best calicos to-day per yard 2 cents," instead of 5 cents as was intended. Mr. Colegrove on Friday called the attention of the Miner to the error and was instructed to sell at the advertised price of 2 cents per yard and send in bill for the difference. As a result, before 3 o'clock Saturday every yard of the 5-cent goods had been sold and the Miner readers had profited to the extent of $24.65, the amount charged to us on 2013 yards of calico. This goes to prove that an advertisement in a reliable journal is sure to pay, and also proves that the Miner is a reliable journal. It will be observed that Mr. Colegrove doubles his advertising space.

—The recommendation of Hon. Lucius Rogers to be postmaster at Kane will be regarded with hearty approval throughout the county as well as at Kane, where he now resides. As a veteran Union soldier, prominent for many years in the councils of the Grand Army of the Republic, as a Republican journalist, lately president of the State Press Association, and as a politician, as widely known as any public man in Pennsylvania, Col. Rogers certainly deserves such recognition. As a citizen of Kane he has been enabled by means of the daily paper which he edits to promote every good enterprise in behalf of that community and to make the town of Kane more widely and favorably known than ever before. His appointment appears to have been a second thought, but a wise one. The patrons of the Kane postoffice were unable to agree upon either of the worthy candidates who were first in the field, and his selection was thus suggested without any self-seeking on his part, and was supported by many prominent citizens of all parties in the borough of Kane.—Bradford Star.

Well Pleased.

Last Saturday morning the Miner man entered the mammoth furniture store of Messrs. Sloan & Ervin at Bradford and while there the head of the firm related the following incident: When the above named gentlemen started their advertisement in the Miner they used the cut of a very fine rocking chair that they were offering at a low figure. When the paper came out a farmer and his wife, who had contemplated going to Olean to purchase furniture, saw the advertisement and concluded to cut out the rocker and go to Bradford. On arriving there they hesitated up this popular firm and presenting the cut asked if they had the goods as represented. The goods were shown, when the farmer remarked to his wife, "Hegarty, they're as near alike as two peas." The outcome of the matter was that this well-pleased couple purchased furniture to the amount of $87, paying cash, and when they arrived home they sent one of their neighbors to the same place, who came away equally pleased. It pays to advertise in the Miner.

Work for Orphans.

Rev. J. W. Cleland, representing the Pennsylvania Children's Home-finding Society, addressed a meeting at the Methodist church on Thursday evening, July 21, and those present were deeply interested in the work of the society in caring for homeless children and getting them homes in kind families.

Rev. Cleland was organizing McKean county for this work, having presented the cause in the churches of Kane and Bradford and organized boards at those places. He organized a board here with Rev. T. A. Morrison, president; the city pastors, vice presidents; Rev. Dr. Walker, secretary; Rev. Mr. McCracken, treasurer; E. D. Gallup, legal advisor, and other members representing different churches.

The work is wholly nonsectarian as it takes charge of homeless children without regard to race or religion and seeks to get them into good homes. The society has the endorsement and support of many prominent men in the State and would like to place some children, particularly boys, in good homes in this place, and anyone willing to give a good home to a child can consult the president or other officers of the society, or write to the State Supt., Rev. W. Henry Thompson, 521 Hamilton Building, Pittsburg, Pa.

The society very much needs financial help to carry on the work as it is taking charge of many homeless children throughout the State. The work is properly and very economically conducted. The treasurer will very willingly receive help from any who are willing to help a child find a home, and such work ought to be helped along.

An Enterprising Druggist.

There are few men more wide awake and enterprising than A. B. Armstrong & Co., who spare no pains to secure the best of everything in their line for their many customers. They now have the valuable agency for Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds. This is the wonderful remedy that is producing such a furor all over the country by its many startling cures. It absolutely cures asthma, bronchitis, hoarseness and all affections of the throat, chest and lungs. Call at above drug store and get a trial bottle free or a regular size for 50 cents and $1.00. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

1000 Island Excursion August 20th.

The W. N. Y. & P. Ry. will run their second and last excursion of the season to the Thousand Islands, Saturday, August 20th. Train will leave Smethport at 2:35 p. m. Fare $6.50 for round trip. Tickets will be good returning 10 days, allowing stop-off at Rochester within limit of tickets.

The adjacent Lake Ontario resorts, Ontario Beach, Windsor Beach, Manitou and Sea Breeze are well worth a visit. The 1000 Islands and St. Lawrence are among America's leading summer resorts, and the trip taken as a whole makes a pleasant vacation outing, and at a small cost.

The editor of the Evans City, Pa., Globe, writes: "One Minute Cough Cure is rightly named. It cured my children after all other remedies failed." It cures coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. A. B. Armstrong & Co., druggists.

Bob Moore of Lafayette, Ind., says that for constipation he has found De Witt's Little Early Risers to be perfect. Why suffer from pimples? Try them for sure cure. A. B. Armstrong & Co., druggists.

Family [illegible] [illegible] Mrs. Jos. Hunter.

J. D. Mullin came down from Kane Wednesday night.

J. M. McElroy transacted business in Bradford Monday.

Ye editor's family is visiting relatives in Tioga county.

Robert King came home from Buffalo Monday night.

Mrs. R. E. Burdick is visiting her mother at Lyle, N. Y.

G. B. Mayo spent Sunday with Duke Center relatives.

F. G. Lindholm transacted business in the Bison city Tuesday.

W. H. Morrison transacted business in Kane Tuesday night.

T. F. Richmond transacted business in Bradford Wednesday.

Frank McFarlin of Mildred was in town yesterday on business.

Miss Cummings returned Tuesday night from a visit to Johnsonburg.

A. L. Pierce and wife of Olean were guests at the Wright House Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Scanlon of Colegrove were in town the first of the week.

Hon. Henry Hamlin departed for the Lancaster, Ohio, gas fields last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. McKean visited friends at Lafayette corners Monday.

Miss Lucius Rogers visited the Col. at Kane Tuesday, returning Wednesday.

Chas. Degnan departed for Wellsville on Monday to visit the Very Rev. D. Leddy.

Sheriff Davis was in Kane the first of the week on business connected with his office.

M. J. Hadley of Port Allegany was transacting business at the court house Wednesday.

Miss Miss S. Provin of Warsaw, N. Y., is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. C. C. Sloan.

Deputy Sheriff W. B. Clarke has been in Bradford several days this week on official business.

A. N. and M. A. Hillibridge of Port Allegany were guests at the Grand Central Tuesday night.

Mrs. J. A. Verden and son, Herbert, departed for Jamestown Wednesday for an extended visit.

Attorney and Mrs. H. S. Rogers of Mt. Jewett were guests of H. M. Choate and family Sunday.

Miss Margaret Johnson, who has been visiting friends here, returned Monday to her home in Olean.

W. A. Ostrander, who has been clerking in T. F. Foster's drug store in Bradford, has returned home.

Mrs. Bert H. Critchley and Miss Bessie Scanlon of Colegrove were visiting friends in town Wednesday.

Miss Lucy Mitchell returned Friday from an extended visit with Mr. Townsend's family at Lancaster, Ohio.

Miss Mary White of Kennedy, N. Y., has been the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mitchell.

Arthur McElroy of Oil City arrived Monday and will remain with his father, J. M. McElroy, for a few weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. John Dodds Flagg of Buffalo are spending a few weeks at the parental parsonage home on King street.

Miss Grace Landon, who has made an extended visit with Miss Maud Davis, returned yesterday to her home in Bradford.

H. J. Brennan and Miss M. J. Gallen of Mt. Jewett were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brennan, Tuesday.

Mrs. Robert H. Rose of Binghamton, N. Y., arrived Monday and is visiting her parents, Hon. and Mrs. Henry Hamlin.

Miss D. C. Young and son, Raymond, departed for Perry, N. Y., where Mrs. Young attended school in her girlhood days.

Mrs. Michael Egan and children started Tuesday for the State of Wisconsin, where she goes to make an extended visit with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Dorman of Coudersport were guests of the Grand Central Wednesday. They enjoyed a drive over Bush hill to Port Allegany on their way home.

W. W. Tarbier came over from Bradford Tuesday. He has been confined to his home ever since his return from the region south of Claremont, owing to the hardships he endured. It is very interesting to listen to his recital of what he experienced on that trip.

"Sly Diggers," the Pump Worked.

Many stories have been published of the eloquence of attorneys who have succeeded in obtaining an acquittal of a client against whom seemingly one had been proven, says the Spanish Woman in the Erie Sunday Messenger-Graphic. A story now going the rounds of the press about Judge Simeon P. Rose's younger days almost does its counterpart in recent years. Eugene Mullin, Democratic candidate for judge of the Forty-eighth judicial district, is noted for his successful pleas in behalf of his clients. He is brilliant, original and convincing. On one occasion a few years ago he was defending an Irish woman, who was accused of larceny of some coal from cars standing on the railroad track. Mr. Mullin's description of this poor woman and her desperate efforts to keep alive the jury was visibly affected, and in reference to this poor woman, he glanced toward his client. She was totally unmoved; in fact, fast asleep. There she sat, chewing gum indifferently looking out over the court room. Moving toward the table as he continued his remarks, he reached the side of his client. "Why, in thunder don't you cry? he questioned in an undertone. The response was prompt and decisive. In an instant the tears ran down her face, sobs and groans of the most heartrending sort that could be heard all over the court room proceeded from her lungs. Everyone was visibly affected by the words of the attorney and the heart-rending cry of the accused. Of course the jury promptly acquitted her of the charge and she left the court a free woman. The mystery to the few who had noticed the affair was the instantaneous flow of tears and exhibition of anguish at the will of the prisoner.

The speech of Father Abraham in the last number of Poor Richard's Almanac published by Benjamin Franklin in 1757, "Contains the wisdom of many ages and nations assembled and formed into one connected discourse." When first published it attracted world-wide attention and was copied in all of the newspapers of America and England and translated into many foreign languages. Would you not like to read it? Get a copy free of charge at A. B. Arms rong & Co.'s drug store.

Niagara Falls Excursion Sunday, Aug. 7.

The W. N. Y. & P. Ry. will run one of their popular low rate excursions to Niagara Falls Sunday, August 7th. Special train will leave Smethport at 8:50 a. m., arriving at Buffalo, 12:45 p. m., Niagara Falls, 2:30 p. m. Fare, $2.25. Returning—special train will leave Niagara Falls, 7:45 p. m., Buffalo, 9:30 p. m. Tickets also good for return on regular trains Monday, August 8th. Do not miss the outing.

E. S. Blanks of Lewisville, Texas, writes that one box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve was worth $30.00 to him. He cured his piles of ten years' standing. He advises others to try it. It also cures eczema, skin diseases and eliminate sores. A. B. Armstrong & Co., druggists.

The reduction in freight rates enables me to sell brick, lime, cement and tile at reduced rates. Persons intending to build will do well to get my prices. Having furnished lime, cement, tile, etc., for the most part it enables me to sell such materials lower than they were ever sold in Smethport before.

A. Reilly,
Smethport, Pa.

Win your battles against disease by acting promptly. One Minute Cough Cure produces immediate results. When taken early it prevents consumption. And no other cough medicine is so pleasant to take. It is a cure for croup. A. B. Armstrong & Co., druggists.

For Sale.

A fine residence in Smethport, within 5 minutes' walk of the court house; 9 rooms, with all conveniences. The house is in first-class repair, large and commodious. Will be sold cheap and on easy terms. Inquire of this office.

Necessity Knows No Law.

Our Stock of

Men's and Boys' Summer Clothing

must be closed out immediately. Price is not the consideration. Summer is flying and the time is short.

We have made price reductions for this Sale that no other Clothing Store has ever equalled.

The highest qualities will sell for whatever they will bring at this Great Clearance Sale.

H. W. Rubin & Co.,
SMETHPORT, PA.

VALUABLE
BOROUGH LOTS
For Sale.

The following desirable lots in the Borough of Smethport are offered for salo by the subscribers:

Lot No. 3, in Square No. 86 on Main street, between the properties of D. L. Forsyth and Dr. F. C. Pierce.

Lots Nos. 2, 3 and 4 in Square No. 87, on Main street between Pike and Allegany streets.

Lots Nos. 3 and 7 in Square No. 67, adjoining on the west the property of W. H. Knight.

Lots Nos. 7 and 8 in Square No. 86, and 6, 7 and 8 in Square No. 87 on Water street, opposite the Camp glass works.

Lots Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8 in Square No. 45, lots Nos. 6 and 7 in Square No. 46, lots Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8 in Square No. 47, and lots Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8 in Square No. 38, all on King street.

Five lots in the outlot on lower Main street, known as the McDonald lot. These lots are 68 feet wide by 300 feet deep.

For prices and terms of sale inquire of

Bouton & Gallup.

Smethport, June 23, 1898.

ACME MILL,
J. H. GREEN, Prop'r.

MY STOCK IS FRESH AND CONSISTS OF:

Flour, Feed, Meal, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Hay, Straw, Bran, Middlings, Hominy, Linseed Meal, Etc.

Goods Delivered Promptly.

Water & Hill Sts. Smethport.

A Remarkable Cure of Chronic Diarrhoea.

In 1862 when I entered my country as a private in Company A, 105th Pennsylvania Volunteers, I contracted chronic diarrhoea. It has given me a great deal of trouble ever since. I have tried a dozen different medicines and several prominent doctors without any permanent relief. Not long ago a friend sent me a sample bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and after that I bought and took a 50 cent bottle and now I can say that I am entirely cured. I cannot be thankful enough to you for this great remedy and recommend it to all suffering veterans. If in doubt write me. Yours gratefully, Henry Sell Berger, Allentown, Pa. Sold by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Bronchitis.

Bedford's Horehound Syrup absolutely cures Bronchitis and all other diseases of the Throat and Lungs. It gives instant relief and will cure the worst cough. It is a guaranteed remedy. Sold by Chadwick's Drug Store.

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleanse the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

Mrs. A. Sturdivant has opened Ice Cream Parlors in the Reilly Block and will serve patrons to the most delicious cream made. Ice cream in bricks for families. 24 tf

The finest of open moulding 60 varities to select from. Call on L. Keonig Water street.

J. Colegrove's Cash Bargain Day,
Saturday, Aug. 6th.

4 lb. pkg. Gold Dust,	18c
Chase & Sanborn's best Mocha and Java	29c lb
Arbuckle coffee	10c lb
4 lb raisins	25c
Gelatine, per package	12c
Royal Baking Powder	40c lb
Golden Harvest Baking Powder	17c lb
Arm and Hammer Soda	5c lb
4 boxes axle grease for	25c
8 lb Rolled Oats for	25c
4 doz large sour cucumber pickles for	25c
Clover Leaf Salmon, per can	16c
Gilt Edge Corn Starch, per package	6c
Full cream cheese	10c lb
Old Sport Matches, per pkg	7c
Our Darling Matches, 1000 in a box, for	4c
Patent hooks and eyes, per card	1c
Medium beans, per lb	3c

ALL AT

J. COLEGROVE'S,
106 East Main St. Smethport, Pa.

Saturday, August 6.

"THAT CHEAP LOOK"

IS NOT A CHARACTERISTIC OF OUR FURNITURE.

While it sells at the lowest level, it carries an air of respectability, comfort and grace that is to be found nowhere else except at a great advance in price. Remember, when about to purchase Furniture, that no matter how high the price or what the actual value, if characterized with "That Cheap Look" it must detract from the appearance of your home and that money thus expended is worse than thrown away. Our forte is to assist you in avoiding this calamity.

SLOAN & ERVIN,
16 Main Street, - - BRADFORD, PA.

The Character of a Suit of Clothes

is the great portion of its value. It is this quality of character combined with lowness of price which has helped to make Greenewald's clothes so famous.

Crash Suits, Nobby Straw Hats.

124 Main St. GREENEWALD'S Bradford, Penn'a.

Leading Modern Clothiers.

INSECTICIDES

WE SELL ALL KINDS.

Benzine is coming into favor rapidly for destroying Carpet Bugs, Buffalo Moths, &c. We sell it in any quantity from a pint to five gallons, at lowest prices, at

McCOYS' DRUG STORE,
I. O. O. F. Block. Smethport, Pa.

Paris Green,
London Purple
and
Insect Powder
JUST RECEIVED AT

Armstrong & Co.,
SMETHPORT, PA. Opp. Court House.

SPECIAL SALE OF SHOES

$4.00 Tans, marked down to $2.98
$2.50 " " " $1.98
$2.50 Tans and Black Oxford Ties, marked down to $1.98

Our black shoes are marked down in accordance with above figures

Special Sale of Untrimmed Hats.

Our $1.00 and $1.50 shapes, marked down to 50 cents.
Our 75 cent shapes are marked down to 25 cents.

These sales are good only on

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 8, 9 and 10.

Mrs. E. E. Chambers & Co.,
SMETHPORT, PA.

ICE CREAM SODA,
Choice Fruits,
Fresh Candy,
Fresh Bread
AT
Brasted's

FLOUR,

at the Racket can B had for the following Prices:

Scoullers Best - $1.25.
" Straight 1.13.
" Snow Bird 1.07.

Why pay Fancy prices. This flour is guaranteed 2 suit U or money refunded.

The best bargain U ever saw in 5-qt deep pudding pans, steel enameled ware, 12c each—usually sells at 30 to 40c each.

5-quart preserves kettle, same ware, at 17c each—usually sells at 50 and 75c.

These R seconds but U could hardly tell them from firsts.

OL MAN RACKET,
Sprague Block. Smethport.

UNDERTAKING
AND
EMBALMING

IN ALL BRANCHES PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO BY AN EXPERIENCED FUNERAL DIRECTOR.

SPECHT & SASSE,
SMETHPORT, PA.

EMIL THAMM,
TAXIDERMIST,
Birds and Animals finely Stuffed and Mounted.
Manufacturer of Fine Cigars.

Auditor's Notice.

In re assignment of James Carter to A. G. Phillips for the benefit of the creditors of the said James Carter.

In the Court of Common Pleas of McKean Co. No. 201, June Term, 1898.

The undersigned having been appointed by the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county to pass upon the exceptions, distribute the fund in the hands of the assignee and restate the account in the above entitled case if necessary, hereby gives notice that he will attend to the duties of his said appointment, at the office of Bouton & Gallup, Main street, Smethport, Pa., on Monday, the 29th day of August, 1898, between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 6 o'clock p. m., when and where all parties interested will be heard.

J. W. Bouton,
Auditor.

Smethport, Pa., Aug. 1, 1898.—31-3t.

Notice to Builders.

Hamlin Twp. School Board will build a two story frame school house (four rooms; cost not to exceed $2,000) at Hazel Hurst. Plans and specifications can be seen at Thompson & Co.'s store Mt. Jewett.

Said School Board will also move one part of what is known as the White school house (Marvin creek) to a new location on the Harmes farm about one mile distant.

Board of Directors will meet at Mt. Jewett on Saturday, Aug. 6th, at 2 p. m., to receive bids, and reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

N. P. Lathen, Sec'y.

BESSIE.

"It's only Bessie Raven," said Mrs. Liddington to her niece, Mrs. Enfield, in explaining why matron, who had brought her two boys to the country for the summer, "I wouldn't let Hal and Felix associate with her on any account, if I were you. There's no good in any of those Ravens—a vile set."

Mrs. Enfield looked pityingly at the brown-faced, bare-legged little gypsy who had dashed around the back door-step full of his luscious blackberries in the first rush, and the deep flush that he had heard how plainly she had overheard Mrs. Liddington's careless words, still dyeing her cheeks.

"Only Bessie Raven!" How often she had heard that phrase. How bitter a meaning did it all convey to her.

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"There are no trout there! You might throw a hook and wait a year, and you wouldn't get a bite!"

It was a deep, solitary ravine, where, an offshoot of immense sequoias, Mrs. Enfield and his brother Felix were holding their fishing rods, awaiting the expected bite, while Bessie Raven's brown face and big, black eyes, looked out at them from a natural oval frame of bushes and vines, as she held her basket in one hand and her tattered sun-bonnet in the other.

Mrs. Enfield, a self-sufficient little widow-lady, by nature as well as by education, drew herself haughtily up.

"I don't know that we asked any information from you," said he, haughtily. "There the goodness to be about your business."

"I won't!" retorted Bessie Raven, with an emphasis flash in her dark eyes. "This a free country, ain't it? And I've as much right here as you have!"

"Very well," said Hal, rising and gathering together his tackle. "I'll go, Aunt Clara, Felix."

But Felix, the younger brother, had an idea of leaving his cool, shady nook, for a vision of Hal's.

Hal skulked away in high dudgeon, Felix remained behind to cultivate the acquaintance of Bessie Raven.

"If there are no trout here," said he, compassionately eyeing the brown gypsy face among the leaves, "where do they hide?"

"I'll show you," said Bessie, with alacrity. "Just a little further on. There's lots of 'em—only everybody don't know it. Come on!"

And the two children spent a long moment's marching together under the green trees.

Until just as Felix Enfield was turning to go home, half apprehensive that he had missed the farmhouse dinner, he did not perceive that the little gold-brown face was close attached to his watch-chain was gone.

"Oh!" cried he, "where is my—"

He stopped abruptly. For in the very moment in which he spoke, he perceived half-hidden in the folds of the bosom of Bessie's tattered dress, the glitter of some golden ornament. Instinctively he caught at it—it was his watch.

"You little thief!" cried he. "You must have stolen it!"

Bessie stood sullen and silent, her eyes cast down, her bare feet impatiently patting the velvet grass below. She could not deny it—she scorned any attempt to justify herself.

"Bessie," said the boy, slowly, "what made you do it? Don't you know that it is wrong to steal?"

"Wrong!" cried out Bessie, passionately. "Why is it wrong? You are rich and I'm poor! You've got everything, and I've got nothing! Why shouldn't I help myself when I've got the chance?"

Felix Enfield looked at her. Verily there was more in her creed than he had imagined.

"I'll tell you why, Bessie," said he, at least, I'll tell you what I think about it."

So, in his boyish way, he unfolded the philosophy of means and ends.

Bessie Raven listened in surprise. She had never been reasoned with before. No one had ever taken the trouble to explain matters and things in general to her.

"Oh, Felix!" she cried out, with a great sob in her throat. "I see it all now. But no one ever told me before. And mother was lost at sea, and mother had no little one to take care of, and somehow everyone's hand was against me, and we had to fight our way along, so I got somehow not to care about anything."

"Don't cry, Bessie," soothed the lad "Don't fret, that's a good girl! Here—take the gold cross and keep it. I don't care much for it."

So they parted. At home Felix found that his father had come to take them up into the mountains for a few weeks, before they returned to their city home—and so he never got the chance to tell Bessie Raven good-by.

Ten years afterward! Three and twenty is a dangerous age for flirtation, but Felix Enfield had never been conclusively smitten until that time when he crossed the Atlantic in the steamer with one of the Wings, and fell in love with Captain's Spanish-eyed daughter.

"If you don't marry me," said Felix, with sudden earnestness, "I'll throw myself into the sea."

"There's not much danger of that," said Miss Enfield, quietly.

"But I am in earnest!" protested Felix.

"So am I," said the damsel with the Spanish eyes.

"Don't you love me?" pleaded Felix.

"I don't dislike you," demurely answered Miss Enfield.

"Then I shall hope," declared Felix, "for it is a commodity that is free to all the young lady."

And all the voyage's end Mr. Enfield was deeper in love than ever.

"Speak here, Miss Enfield," said he, "or you don't say you'll have me. I will jump the steamer's deck! I'll swim back and forth perpetually between New York and Southampton!"

"I don't think you would care for to complain a passenger," said Miss Enfield, with a mischievous twinkle of her eyes.

"And really, do you know, Miss Richfield, I believe you are engaged already?"

She calmed a little.

"Why?" she asked.

"Ah! you think I have no eyes. You think I haven't perceived that you always wear a black velvet ribbon around your neck—a black velvet ribbon from which is suspended some golden object, hidden in the lace frills of your collar. Is it a gauge?"

"Yes," Miss Enfield calmly answered, "it is a gauge of true love. If ever I am married—"

She almost carefully ejaculated the "If," when I am married," Miss Enfield corrected herself, "it will only be to the gentleman who gave me it."

"Then I may consider myself rejected," quickly spoke Felix, with a face of utmost despair.

"Felix," said the dark-eyed damsel, as she drew the golden talisman from her throat and held it to him, "don't you remember the promise this?"

She referred to a conversation of reminiscence.

"Why, she said once I gave years ago to a friend," cried he.

"The same," said, quietly, "and I am she."

A ROBBER'S FAKE.

By Zaidee Maxwell.

It was about the middle of June, in the year 1865, that the old stage coach rumbled out of Los Angeles, crowded with passengers bound for the different sea ports along the coast. As is usual when persons are together promiscuously each one tried to ignore the presence of the others, and fixed a penetrating, baneful gaze upon some innocent inanimate object, fully convinced at the same time that the eyes of all the rest were directed towards him.

Suddenly an old man who had been reading a newspaper, under all sorts of difficulties, broke the silence with an excited exclamation. It startled the others and they proceeded to look inquiringly at the originator of the disturbance. The object of their attention roughed and cleared his throat to give dignity to his statement, and then read the following:

"——— one of the most famous bandits in California, who was sentenced to be hung on July 1, escaped last night from the jail in Los Angeles and is believed to be wending his way to San Pedro, from where he probably intends sailing to another part of the state. A reward of $1,000 is offered for his capture, dead or alive."

"I knew it would be so," piped up a belligerent little man, "I don't believe there is a prison strong enough to hold such a slippery fellow."

"My goodness!" exclaimed a spinster, whose modest gaze had never wandered from the top of the coach. "I hope we don't meet him."

"There is nothing I would like better," answered a would-be brave youth, "but alas! he wouldn't dare to give us that pleasure."

"Do you think he is any where around here?" queried the old gentleman, addressing the driver.

"I wouldn't be a bit surprised if we met him to-night. There is a 'lambeth place' for such an encounter, about three miles south of here. It is dark and gloomy and I've had several experiences there in the last year, and they weren't any too pleasant, I tell you that now."

It was beginning to grow dusk and the travellers grew perceptibly uneasy under the mournful influences of the gathering shadows, and their discomfort increased as the darkness began to hide the green hills from one another and left them lonely.

The whole relied on into a wilder and more desolate region and the conversation of its occupants began to conform to the surroundings. They related the most thrilling ghost stories, then they spoke of "hold-ups," and hair-breadth escapes from death at the hands of such and such a band of outlaws. Finally they launched boldly on the topic that was uppermost in their minds, and spoke in subdued voices of the robber, how bold and fearless he was.

"Wh-where did you say, cha-that place was?" queried the old gentleman.

"We'll soon be there," responded the driver.

The nerves of the company were pretty well shaken when the road turned suddenly around a clump of bushes. The horses had just turned when a man stepped from one of the recesses and commanded in a clear, tense tone:

"Stand! Hold up your hands!"

The driver stopped. The affrighted inmates of the coach peered out and could indistinctly descry the figures of five men. The steel of their weapons glimmered faintly in the starlight.

Two men stood on each side of the coach and one, their leader, opened the door. His manner and bearing was that of a perfect gentleman. He doffed his hat, but the flickering light of the coach lamp gave only a dim, fitful view of his features.

"Don't shoot, boys, unless they resist," he remarked to his companions who stood like so many statues.

"I beg your pardon for disturbing you, ladies, but you need not leave your seats. Gentlemen, I will trouble you to dismount."

Those who alighted were searched with celerity and thoroughness and returned to their seats minus their money and jewelry and there they sat with wide-open eyes and white faces, not yet able to fully realize what had happened.

A minute had scarcely passed before the bandit informed them that they were at liberty to proceed, and as the coach hurried away into the darkness, he shook the clothes loose from the frames that supported his four dummies, rolled them in a neat bundle and disappeared.

An Accidental Success.

Once upon a time, so runs the story, there was a man in London who had ventured upon various publishing schemes with but poor success, and was beginning to despair of ever making a fortune when, by chance, he bethought himself of a huge scrapbook which his wife had compiled of various literary odds and ends that had engrossed her fancy. She called her scrapbook "Tit-Bits," and it occurred to her husband that such odds and ends, published in periodical form, might interest other people as well as his wife. The result of this meditation on his part was the appearance of a little penny paper called "Tit-Bits," which proved so popular and gained such a wide circulation that its proprietor fell encouraged to place other literary ventures on the market, and it was not long before he became known as the publisher of a number of extremely popular penny periodicals. He is now a millionaire many times over and a baronet, while his wife, whose scrapbook proved the cornerstone of their prosperity, finds her reward in the title of Lady Newnes.

Some Very Old Fish.

Methuselah would seem a mere boy to some fishes, and there are a great many kinds which would look upon human centenarians as infants. Carp are known to live to be 200 years old in the Washington Aquarium there are small gold fish, place there when Queen Victoria was crowned. So they have not yet grown to full gold fish size. A Russian pike was caught a few years ago with a gold band about its tail bearing the date 1560.

Cost of Bull-Fighting.

Spain's bull-fighters made money last year. Mazzantini in 44 fights killed 105 bulls and made $96,000 pesetas; Reverte's score was 71 fights, 160 bulls and 376,000 pesetas; while Guerrita, with 76 fights and 147 bulls slaughtered, earned 450,000 pesetas, or $91,000.

Getting on With Manners.

"How did that Boston girl receive your letter offering marriage?"

"She wouldn't have me because I don't like Boss, but she said my spelling and punctuation were better than she expected."

THE PARTY OF THE SOLDIER.

How the Republican Organization Has Stood by the Boys in Blue From the Beginning.

INTERESTING TALK WITH COLONEL A. K. McCLURE.

The Sage of Political Journalism Recalls How the Act Was Passed Giving the Soldier In the Field the Right to Vote, and Tells How One of President Lincoln's Parolees Was Stretched on Twenty-four Hours to Twenty Years.

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That the cutting adoption of enthusiastically by the Republican state convention in this city, marks the early sixties as much the years since then had been weeks."

In the course of a chat with Colonel A. K. McClure, most brilliant of political editors, that he said this, pausing to look reminiscently out of the window, whence could be seen the full flight of Pennsylvania's soldiers' monument, soldiers' orphans' home, soldiers' orphan schools.

"That declaration continues to sound through the years, and the principle which it announced will live as long as the government endures. It was the first declaration of the kind ever made by any political party in the history of the world, and it has been the inspiration of the soldiers' vote in every state in the Union. Pennsylvania was the first to recognize the justice of the soldiers' right to vote, and the first to put the principle into practice. Ohio followed Pennsylvania's example in 1863, and the Republican party in every state in the Union followed in the line of battle which the Republican party of Pennsylvania had established